IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (AT AUSTIN)

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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BROWNSVILLE EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS GROUP, LLC, STEPHEN MILLER, and HARRY STOKES

Plaintiffs

Vs.

BRENDAN WORTHINGTON, individually and d/b/a ATLAS IP HOLDINGS, LLC;

MICHELLE WORKINGTON;

DALTON MENIES, individually and d/b/a/ HAMILTON COMMODITIES GROUP, LLC;

TONYA MENZIES, individually and d/b/a HAMILTON COMMODITIES GROUP, LLC;

RALPH CROWELL, individually and d/b/a GLINES & RHODES, Inc.;

MATTHEW COLE, individually and d/b/a THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT, LLC;

BRIAN LIGHT, individually and d/b/a PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMS/PMI REFINERS (PMG);

ALBERTO PAVAN, individually and d/b/a MULTIBUSINESS 360 SRL;

FAUSTO CALETTI, individually and d/b/a JCG GLOBAL BUSINESS PARTNERS, LLC;

CALOGERO ENEA, individually and d/b/a JCG GLOBAL BUSINESS PARTNERS, LLC;

KARMY KAYS, individually and d/b/a JP MORGAN CHASE;

Civil Action No. A-14-cv-0568-SS

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JOHN ELIAS, individually	§
and d/b/a JOHN L. ELIAS	§
AND ASSOCIATES;	§
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NASH NIMSONS, individually	§
and d/b/a PLANWELL EUROPE	§
LIMITED, and	§
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KAPIL KHURANA, individually	§
and d/b/a BARCLAY"S BANK PLC.	§
A.	§
Defendants,	§

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DEFENDANT DALTON MENZIES' ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Now comes, DALTON MENZIES, (hereinafter "DALTON") appearing in a Pro'Se capacity pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("Fed. R. Civ. P.") Rule 8(b) in answering ("answer") to the Plaintiff(s)' Original Complaint ("Complaint")(See; Doc. 1) and the Amended Complaint (See; Doc. 6).

I: JUDICIAL REQUEST

Due to the Pro'Se nature of this filing, DALTON respectfully requests that the Court provide a less stringent standard of review when examining DALTON's attempts at case citing, rules, and procedures, including the legal syntax; (See; Haines Vs. Kerner, 406 U.S. 519, 520 (1979).

II: STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR PLEADING

Rule 8 of the Fed. R. Civ. P. governs the pleading of both the plaintiff(s) and the defendant(s) in a civil cause of action. Among the rules for claims for relief (See; Rule 8(a)) are the requirements for a plaintiff(s) to declare in a short and plain statement, the grounds for the Court's jurisdiction in its pleading; (see; Rule 8(a)(1)).

In addition, Rule 8(b) requires that:

- (1). "In General. In responding to a pleading, a party must:
 - (A) state in short and plain terms its defense to each claim asserted against it; and
 - (B) admit or deny the allegations asserted against it by an opposing party..." and
- (5). "Lacking Knowledge or Information: A party that lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of an allegation must so state, and the statement has the efect of a denial."

 (See; Birl Vs. Estelle, 660 F. 2d 592, 593 (5th Cir. 1981); Martinez Vs. Bally's Louisana, Inc., 244 F. 3d 474, 476 (5th Cir. 2001)).

III: STATEMENT OF FACT RELATED TO DEFENDANT DALTON'S ANSWER

- 1). DALTON has been in continuous custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (the "BOP") since December 9, 2004; (See; Exhibit A, p. 1 at Jail Credit) (Exhibit A, p. 2 at Date Sentenced November 1, 2005) and (Exhibit A, p. 3 at Statutory Release Date Projected: May 24, 2015).
- 2). Brendan Worthington, ("BRENDAN") was convicted of a fraud-type violation of Federal criminal statute. BRENDAN served a term of imprisonment beginning on or about 2005.
- 3). Stephen Miller: ("MILLER") was convicted and sentenced [before this Court]
 United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas for the
 violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201 (i.e., Tax Evasion). MILLER served a term
 of forty-six (46) months beginning in September of 2006 and a term of
 supervised release thereafter; (See; Exhibit B).
- 4). Tonya Menzies ("TONYA") made an initial filing with the Texas Secretary of State to form Hamilton Commodities Group, LLC ("HAMILTON"), and LLC., on July 25, 2008; (See; Exhibit C, pp. 1-3). In this filing, TONYA (Managing Member 1) is listed as the sole "governing person" of the LLC; (See; Exhibit C, at p. 2). TONYA subsequently filed Hamilton's Texas Franchise Tax Returns for 2009 and 2010; (See; Exhibit C, pp. 4 & 5) and executed said tax returns as the "President." The Texas's Secretary of State issued a Forteiture Notice under section 171.302 to forfeit the charter, certificate, and registration of TONYA's company on January 28, 2011; (See; Exhibit C, p. 6).
- 5). Michelle Worthington ("MICHELLE") made an initial filing with the Texas Secretary of State to form Atlas IP Holding, LLC ("ATLAS"), a domestic limited liability company (an "LLC") on November 19, 2009; (See; Exhibit

- D, pp. 1-3). In this filing [both] MICHELLE (Managing Member 1) and BRENDAN (Managing Member 2) are listed as the legally joint "governing persons" of the LLC; (See; Exhibit D, p. 2). MICHELLE subsequently filed Texas Franschise Tax Returns for 2010 and 2012; (See; Exhibit D, pp. 4-5). MICHELLE signed said tax return as a [partner] in the LLC. No return was filed in 2011. The Texas Secretary of State issued a Forfeiture Notice under section 171.302 to forfeit the charter, certificate, and registration of MICHELLE and BRENDAN's company, i.e., ATLAS on July 17, 2012; (See; Exhibit D, p. 6).
- 6). Both MILLER and BRENDAN were in the custody of the United States Department of Justice and incarcerated together for a period of approximately 3 years at the Federal Bureau of Prisons' F.C.I. Beaumont Unit located in Beaument, Texas.

IV: DEFENDANT DALTON'S ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT.

A: VENUE AND JURISDICTION:

- 7. Defendant DALTON admits that the District Court is the [proper venue] for the civil complaint concerning the subject matter under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(2); (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, p. 3 at ¶1, and Doc. 6, same).
- 8. Defendant DALTON denies, however, that the District Court has [jurisdiction] over the subject matter for the following reasons on the basis of law or fact:
- 9. In BROWNSVILLE EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS GROUP, LLC. and STEPHEN MILLER's ("MILLER") Complaint, the plaitiff(s) allege that BRENDAN WORTHINGTON, individually and operating as a d/b/a under ALTAS IP HOLDING, LLC. ("BRENDAN and ALTAS, respectfully) had approached, solicted a business plan, and entered into an Investment Agreement with MILLER for an investment in Raw Gold; (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, at ¶32-34 and Doc. 6, same).
- 10. Plaintiff(s) also alleges that BRENDAN'S solicitation was done with "malice aforethought" because the investment opportunity was, in reality, only a way for "[A]tlas with the intent and for the sole purpose to defraud MILLER of \$615,000 and to do the same to other investors similarly situated;" (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, at ¶48 and Doc. 6 at ¶53).
- 11. Plaintiff(s) seeks relief in the form of an injunction against defendant JCG GLOBAL BUSINESS PARTNERS, LLC. ("JCG"), various civil monetary remedies, and also criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1963 concerning these allegations; (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at ¶16 and Doc. 6 at ¶17).
- 12. Plaintiff(s) Complaint confers jurisdiction by stating that:
 - 2. "[T]his Court has jurisdiction of Federal claims pleaded under 18 U.S.C. § 1343, and 18 U.S.C. § 1348 and 1349."
 - 3. "[T]his Court has jurisdiction of Federal claims pleaded under 18 U.S.C. \$1963, and supplemental jurisdiction over state law and common law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. \$ 1367." (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at ¶2 & 3 and Doc. 6, same)

- 13. However, "[A] private party has [NO] right to enforce criminal statute;"

 (See; Bacawajder Vs. Jacobs, 220 F. 3d 586, 2000 WL 960065 at *1 (5th Cir. 2000)

 (citations omitted and emphasis and underline added); accord Diamond Vs. Charles,

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 476 U.S. 54, 64-65, 106 S. Ct. 1697, 90 L. Ed. 2d 48 (1986). Thus, plaintiff(s)'

 "conclusory allegations" that a defendant(s) violated a criminal statute are

 "[i]nsufficient for the purposes of stating a claim on which relief may be

 granted;" (See; Mamer Vs. Collie Club of America, Inc., 229 F. 3d 1164, 2000 WL

 1114237 at *2 (10th Cir. 2000).
- 14. Plaintiff(s) [DO NOT] have standing to institute criminal proceedings through a civil cause of action. Any criminal statutes used to establish the claim(s) in the Complaint(s), which seeks both criminal sanctions (18 U.S.C. § 1963) and civil remedies must be dismissed on the basis of law or fact; (See; Abdelsamed Vs. United States, No. 01-N-1774, 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20452); aff'd 80 Fed. Appx. 90, 2003 WL 22464005 (10th Cir. 2003).
- 15. Furthermore, to the extent that plaintiff(s) are seeking damages and other civil remedies based on BRENDAN's and/or ATLAS's alleged violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, 18 U.S.C. § 1348 and § 1349, or 18 U.S.C. § 1963, they:

See also Cok Vs. Cosentino, 876 F. 2d 1, 1 (1st Cir. 1989)("[A] Footnote 1: private citizen has no authority to initiate a federal criminal prosecution."); Mamer Vs. Collie Club of Am., Inc., 229 F. 3d 1164, 1164 (10th Cir. 2000)("[P]rivate citizens cannot prosecute criminal actions."); Higgins Vs. Neal, 52 F. 3d 337, 337 (10th Cir. 1995) ("[C]ourts universally endorse the principle that private citizens cannot prosecute criminal actions."); Am Postal Workers Union Vs. Ind. Postal Systems of America, Inc. 481 F. 2d 90, 93 (6th Cir. 1973) ("[T]here exists a firmly established principle that criminal statutes can only be enforced by the proper authorities of the United States Government and a private party has no right to enforce these sanctions."); and Conn. Action Now, Inc. Vs. Roberts Plating Co., 457 F. 2d 81, 86-87 (2nd Cir. 1972)("[I]t is truism, and has been for decades, that in our federal system crimes are always prosecuted by the Federal Government, not as has sometimes been done in Anglo-American jurisdictions by private complaints.")

"[p]resent no authority finding an implied private cause of action... the cited criminal statute []. The [statutes are] singularly criminal in nature and offer(s) nothing from which to infer an available civil remedy. The Supreme Court has cautioned against entertaining private causes of action based on '[a] bare criminal statute, with absolutely no indiction that civil enforcement of any kind was available to anyone;'" (See; King Vs. Keller, No. 06-4001-SAC, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35791, 2006 WL 1517765, at *6 (D. Kan., May 30, 2006); aff'd 211 Fed. Appx. 764, 2007 WL 39208 (10th Cir. 2007) (quoting Cort Vs. Ash, 422 U.S. 66, 80, 95 S. Ct. 2080, 45 L. Ed. 2d 26 (1975) (additional internal quotation omitted); accord Walsh Vs. Krantz, No. 1-07-cv-0616, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXUS 44204, 2008 WL 2329130, at *4 (M.D. PA., June 4, 2008).

- 16. Thus, "[f]ederal courts have generally refused to recoginize private causes of action derived from criminal statutes;" (See; Koreny Vs. Department of Sanitation, 699 F. Supp. 368, 397 (E.D. NY., 1988) (citation omitted); Hamrick Vs. Bush, No. 04-5316, 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 2070, 2006 WL 1524593, at *1 (D.C. Cir. 2006); Air Trans Inc. Vs. U.S. Mead, 389 F. 3d 594, 597 N.1 (6th Cir. 2004); Federal Sav. & Loan Ins. Corp., Vs. Reeves, 816 F. 2d 130, 137-38 (4th Cir. 1987); and Parker Vs. Blake, No. 08-164, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 66336, 2008 WL 4092070, at *3 (W.D. LA., August 29, 2008) (Trimble, J).
- 17. Further, DALTON contends plaintiff(s) maintain the claims premised on the following criminal statutes:

STATUTE	CRIMINAL VIOLATION	COMPLAINT'S CITINGS	
18 U.S.C. §1343	Wire Fraud ¶51		
18 U.S.C. §1348	Secutitites & Comm. Fraud ¶56-58 & ¶69-		
18 U.S.C. §1349	Attempt & Comspiracy	¶52-55 & ¶59-60	
18 U.S.C. §1963	Criminal Penalties	¶61-67 & 68	

^{*}Jurisdiction citation under \$2 & \$3 of Complaint, Doc. 1 and Doc. 6 same.

As stated, "[a] private party has [NO] right to enforce criminal statute;"

(See; Jacobs, supra at ¶13); nor, do the criminal statutes at issue for jurisdiction provide for a private right of enforcement; (See; Three Rives Ctr. for Ind.

- Living Vs. Hous. Auth., 382 F. 3d 412, 430 (3rd Cir. 2004)("[A] court must look to the text of the statute to see if it states, by its terms, that a private party may bring suit to enforce it"); Barr Vs. Camelot Forest Conservation Ass'n, 153 F. Appx. 860, 862 (3rd Cir. 2005)(affirming the dismissal of the federal criminal statutes claims because the statute in question "[a]re not criminal offenses for which there is no civil remedy, and therefore [plaintiff] lacks standing to bring -2: them.").
- 18. Accordingly, plaintiff(s)' allegations that defendant(s) violated 18 U.S.C. \$1343, 18 U.S.C. \$1348, 18 U.S.C. \$1349, and 18 U.S.C. \$1963 should be dismissed with prejudice as legally frivilous; (See; Bui Phu Xuan Vs. Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 277 Fed. Appx. 452, 2008 WL 1976630, at *1,3 (5th Cir. 2008); Parker 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 66336, 2008 WL 4092070, at *3 (5th Cir. 2008).
- 19. Lastly, plaintiff(s) have also cited 28 U.S.C. § 1367 for the Court's jurisdiction. This supplemental jurisdiction over [state law] and [common law fraud] claims is without merit. Plaitiff(s) allegation(s) are based upon a breach of fiduciary duty or fraud commmitted by BRENDAN. However, under Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 16.004 (Supp. 2000), a four-year statute of limitations applies; (See; e.g., Advocard Int'l LP Vs. Horizon Labs, Inc., 524 F. 3d 679 at 670 (5th Cir. 2008).
- 20. MILLER asserted that he entered into an "Investment Agreement" in May of 2009 with BRENDAN. This agreement required MILLER to make a \$515,000 investment; (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at ¶34 and Doc. 6 at ¶35). MILLER stated that [this]

Footnote 2: See also Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. Vs. M/V Cape Fear, 967 F. 2d 864, 869 (3rd Cir. 1992)("[C]ongress punishes breaches of duties embeddied in criminal statutes, but punishment does not require implication of a private enforcement remedy in every instances."); Am Postal Workers Union Vs. Ind. Postal Sys of Am., 481 F. 2d 90, 93 (6th Cir. 1973)("[T]he general rule is that a private right of action is not maintainable under a criminal statute.").

funding was completed in November of 2009; (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at ¶35).

21. MILLER filed the civil action on June 18, 2014. Thereby, in order to have jurisdiction, the alleged fraud or brach of fiduciary duty mut have occurred between June 18, 2010 and June 18, 2014 under Texas state law. MILLER asserted that BRENDAN had provided him two "assay statements" - one in "August of 2009" and one in "January of 2010." MILLER then asserted that the "[m]issing assay statements [ALARMED] MILLER; (See; Complaint, Doc. 6 at ¶36 and Doc. 6, same).

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- Under Federal law, the general accural rule is that "[a] cause of action accrues when the plaintiff(s) is in possession of the critical facts and knows or has reason to know of the injury which is the basis of the action;" (See; Moore Vs. McDonald, 30 F. 3d 616, 620-21 (5th Cir. 1994); Burns Vs. Harris County Bail Bond Bd., 139 F. 3d 513, 518 (5th Cir. 1998); and Jenson Vs. Snellings, 841 F. 2d 600, 618 (5th Cir. 1988) ("under Federal law, the limitations period commences when '[t]he aggrieved party has either knowledge of the violation or notice of facts which, in the exercise of due ligigence, would have led to actual knowledge thereof;" (quoting Davis Vs. A.G. Edwards & Sons, 823 F. 2d 105, 107 (5th Cir. 1987).
- MILLER knew or should have known as late as January of 2010 that BRENDAN 23. or ATLAS was not complying with either the "Business Plan" and/or the "Investment Agreement" by not providing assay statements. This knowledle asserted by MILLER (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at ¶36 and Doc. 6, same) was at least four years and six months (4 years and 6 months) before Plaintiff(s) filed a cause of action. Thereby the District Court does not have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1367 for supplemental jurisdiction over [state law] - and - [common law fraud] and the action must be dismissed with prejudice. 28 U.S.C. § 1367 does not hold that jurisdiction is conferred in regards to [state law] - or - [common law fraud]. Both are joined together as a whole for the purposes of reviewing claims under [state law].

- B: MILLER AND BRENDAN VIOLATED THE FEDERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE BY THEIR ENTERING INTO A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENT WHILE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THEIR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS. MILLER WAS AWARE OF BRENDAN'S PRIOR FRAUD CONVICTION WHEN HE ENTERED INTO THE INVESSTMENT AGREEMENT.
- <u>24</u>). Under contractual law, a party has a right to expect the terms under the contract will be honored by all parties. A party also has the right to negotiate, agree to, and execute a legally binding contract. However, there are circumstances under which a party [DOES NOT] have a right to enter into [ANY] legally binding contract e.g., A minor child under eighteen (18) years of age; a person who has been declared mentally incompetent; etc.
- 25). Thus, in the case at bar presently, the Complaint stated that "BRENDAN approach MILLER" and that "MILLER first met BRENDAN in March of 2009;" (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, at ¶32 and Doc. 6, same). This statement is false and is mis-leading. As stated, BRENDAN was convicted and sentence for violations of Federal criminal statute for fraud-type offenses on or about 2005. Also, MILLER was convicted and sentenced (by this Court) to a term of imprisonment of forty-six (46) months for tax evasion in 2006; (See; Exhibit B). Both BRENDAN and MILLER were incarcerated together at the BOP's FCI Beaumont Correctional Institution for approximately three (3) years. By virtue of prison life (close proximity of living quarters, common dining hall, rotating work details, recreation activity, family visitations facitlities), it would be reasonable to believe, and easy for witnesses to corroborate, that during their; three (3) years at FCI Beaumont together, they became acquaintances and friends far before the March 2009 cited by MILLER.
- 26). When a defendant is convicted of a Federal criminal violation of law, the defendant loses his right to "[c]onduct a business," or enter into, or in "[d]irecting an investment transaction without BOP staff written authorization;

(See; Title 28 - Judicial Administration - Chapter V; Bureau of Prisons, Dept. of Justice - Subchapter C - Institutional Management) where it states under

PART 540.14. Contract with Persons, Subpart B:

(4) "[D]irection of an inmate's business (See; §541.13, Prohibited Acts No. 408). An inmate, unless a pre-trial detainee, may not direct a business while confined;"

PART 540.45. Qualifications:

(a) "[E]xcept for pre-trail inmates, an inmate is <u>not</u> permitted to engage actively in a business or profession. An inmate who was engaged in a business or profession prior to commitment <u>must</u> assign authority for the operation of such business or profession to a person of the community;" and

B.O.P. PROGRAM STATEMENT OPI: CPD/CSB NUMBER 5270.09.

#334). Conducting a Business:

"[P]rohibited acts include conducting or directing an **investment** transaction without staff authorization."
(Emphasis and underline added)

- 27). Thereby, when MILLER, acting on behalf of BROWNSVILLE EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS GROUP, LLC and MILLER's Children Trust Acacia Properties (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, at ¶34 and Doc. 6, ¶35), and BRENDAN entered into the investment transaction [without] the right to do so, based on the fact that both individuals were under the authority of the United States Attorney General either by being incarcerated directly or under the supervision of the United States Probation Office. Both require, by law, that these supervision authorities give written consent for allowing the party(s) to execuste a legally binding contract.
- 28). Without written consent from the supervising authority (i.e., the BOP staff's case manager, warden, etc; or the Probation Officer), not only [DID]

 MILLER and BRENDANT lack standing to enter into a legally binding contract; but, now, plaintiff(s) lack standing to back an action for remedy because the contract in question is, "Void AB Initio" and the provisions for remedy declared moot on the basis of law or fact. In addition, both MILLER and BRENDAN as "convicted felons" are not permitted to have contact, associate, or conduct a business type

transaction under the conditions of their supervised release without written permission from their Probation Officer.

<u>29</u>). MILLER asserted that he became "ALARMED" (See; paragraph 21, supra) when BRENDAN failed to provide the necessary "assay statements." However, MILLER knew that BRENDAN was a fraudster and a convicted felow [BEFORE] he had entered into the "Investment Agreement" in May of 2009; (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, at ¶34 and Doc. 6, same). MILLER, who should have been hyper-vigilant in his dealings with BRENDAN, and failing to exercise [ANY] due diligence, foreclosed his right to cry foul some five (5) years later in the filing of this cause of action on July 3, 2014.

- C: PLAINTIFF(S) HAVE NOT MET THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER FED. R. CIV. P. RULE 12(b)(6) WHERE PLAINTIFF(S) MUST PLEAD ENOUGH FACTS TO FURTHER ESTABLISH A CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT DALTON (PERSONALLY) IN ORDER TO HAVE RELIEF.
- 30). Beyond the lack of jurisdiction cited above, plaintiff(s) have not met their obligation under Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 12(b)(6) in order to obtain relief. Under Rule 12(b)(6), the "[c]ourt accepts '[a]11 well-pleaded facts as true' viewing them in the light most favorable to the plaintiffs; (See; Martin K. Eby Constr. Co. Vs. Dallas Area Rapid Transit, 369 F. 3d 464, 467 (5th Cir., 2004) (quoting Jones Vs. Grenenger, 188 F. 3d 322, 324 (5th Cir., 1999)). To comply with Rule 12(b)(6), plaintiff(s) must plead "[e]nough fact to state a claim for relief that is plausible on its face;" (See; Bell Atl. Corp. Vs. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570, 127 S. Ct. 1955, 167 L. Ed. 2d 929 (2007). That "[d]emands more than an unadorned, the defendant-unlawfullyharmed-me-accusation;" (See; Ashcroft Vs. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 129 S. Ct. 1937 173 L. Ed. 2d 868 (2009). "[F]actual allegations must be enough to raise a right to relief above the speculative level, on the assumption that all the allegations in the complaint are true (even if doubtful in fact);" (See; Twombly, 550 U.S. at 555)(citation and footnote omitted). "[A] claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff plead factual content that allows the Court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged; (See; Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. at 1949) (emphasis and underline added). It therefore follows that mere allegations do not permit the court to infer more than the possibility of misconduct of a defendant as alleged in the Complaint; but, it has not ''[s]hown'' - ''[t]hat the pleader is entitled to relief because the defendant is [NOT] liable; (See; Id. at 1950) (Quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 8). With the above cited legal background, plaintiff(s) have ot demonstrated 31). or established a factual claim for relief with reference to defendant DALTON

for the following reasons: The Complaint alleged these facts:

- 1). "[Defendant HAMILTON COMMIDITY GROUP, LLC (HAMILTON) is registered in Texas and a commodity contracts broker/dealers for ATLAS;"

 (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at ¶7 and Doc. 6, same)
- 2). "[D]efendant DALTON MENZIES (DALTON) is a **principal** of HAMILTON;" (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at ¶8, Doc. 6, same)
- 3). "[H]AMILTON forwarded MILLER an account summary which detailed an investment account of \$712,633.50 and purported initial funding investments from multiple investors;" and (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, at ¶37 and Doc. 6 at ¶38)
- 4). "[S]ometime in 2011 defendant [] DALTON woulnd-up HAMILTON and closed its doors. HAMILTON has since been incommunicado." (See; Complaint, Doc. 1, at ¶44 and Doc. 6 at ¶48)
- 32). In the sixteen (16) pages of the Original Complaint and in the twenty (20) pages of the Amended Complaint, these are the only alleged factual claims made of HAMILTON and/or DALTON three of HAMILTON and two of DALTON. These claims [DO NOT] allege any violations of law; nor, do they establish any fraud on the part of either: HAMILTON, or, in particular DALTON personally (as an individual).
- 33). In addition, MILLER alleged that it was BRENDAN who proferred that once the "assayed gold" was released it would be transferred to HAMILTON; (See; Amended Complaint, Doc. 6 at ¶33). MILLER [DOES NOT] allege that HAMILTON had provided him with that scenario. In fact, it was "[A]TLAS that forwarded MILLER a model scenario to further delineate how the investment was to be managed;"

 [NOT] HAMILTON or DALTON (Individually) (See; Amended Complaint, Doc. 6 at ¶33).
- Beyond the fact that plaintiff(s) [DO NOT] provide evidence that HAMILTON violated any laws or allegedly committed any fraud, is the reality that -3-DALTON (Individually) was [NOT] a principal, owner, shareholder, or director of HAMILTON at any time. In evidence to that fact, the Texas Secretary of State publice records reveals that DALTON was [NOT] engaged with HAMILTON as the

plaintiff(s) falsely content in their Complaint(s); (See; Exhibit C, pp. 1-3 also see; paragraph four, supra).

- 35). In addition, in HAMILTON's filings of the Texas Franchise Tax Return, they only contain the name and signature of TONYA not those of DALTON; (See; Exhibit C, pp. 4&5) and paragraph four, supra). In fact, plaintiff(s) merely allege that DALTON was a principal of HAMILTON; (See; Complaint, Doc. 1 at \$\frac{1}{8}\$ and Doc. 6, same). However, plaintiff(s) have failed to present a factual claim for which either liablilty and/or relief could be provided; (See; Collie Club of America, Inc., supra, at \$\frac{1}{3}\)("[c]onclusory allegations" that a defendant(s) violated a criminal statute are "[i]nsufficient for the purposes of stating a claim on which relief may be granted"). Plaintiff provided no record evidence that DALTON (individually) was ever a "principal" or otherwise, in any capacity, concerning HAMILTON (e.g., signer or co-signer of bank accounts, contracts, official documents, company correspondences, letters, faxes, emails, etc.).
- 36). The plaintiff(s) have even conceded in their filing(s) that:

"[B]rendan never accepted responsibility for the loss of funding investment and blamed - "[TONYA];" (See; Amended Complaint, Doc. 6 at ¶49 (emphasis added)

As stated, in <u>Iqbar</u>, <u>supra</u>, the Court determined that "[a] claim has factual plausibility when plaintiff plead factual content that allows the Court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant (e.g., DALTON) is liable for the misconduct alleged;" (emphasis and defendant's name added).

37). Plaintiff(s) have failed to provide factual content that DALTON (individually) is liable for any misconduct of others on the basis that DALTON was [NOT] a "principal" of HAMILTON and has [NOT] been "blamed" for the misconduct of

Footnote 3: According to Black's Law Dictionary, the term "principal" has the legal definition of: a person elected or appointed by the board of directors, or by the managing member, such as CEO, President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.

of others; i.e., BRENDAN and TONYA. In fact, factual evidence demonstrates that DALTON has been in continuance custody of the BOP long before ATLAS or HAMILTON was formed and has remained in continuance custody long after both ATLAS and HAMILTON were dissolved; (See; Exhibit A, also see; paragraph one, supra).

38). Because the pleader has not "shown" - that DALTON (individually) is liable, by not being able to bring a factual claim thereof, pleader is not entitled to relief from DALTON; (See; Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 8(A)(2). Thereby, the plaintiff(s) allegations that DALTON (individually) is liable is [without] merit on the basis of law or fact.

V: SUMMARY OF DEFENDANT DALTON'S ANSWER

- 39). The plaintiff(s) have brought a cause of action in Federal court citing Federal criminal statutes violations to support their cause. Further, the plaintiff(s) have asserted that these alleged violations allow for criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1367. As stated, "[f]ederal courts have generally refused to recoginize private actions derived from criminal statutes;" (See; Koreny, supra, at ¶16). In fact, the criminal statutes and their cited penalties at issue for jurisdiction, provide [NO] private right of enforcement; (See; Hous. Auth, supra, at ¶16 above). Lastly, In Barr, the court affirmed the dismissal of the Federal criminal statute's claim because the statute in question "[a]re not criminal offenses for which there is no civil remedy and therefore [plaintiff] lacked standing to bring them; (See; paragraph 17 above) (also see section A above). 40). The plaintiff(s) have also brought their cause of action under: 28 U.S.C \$1367 giving the Court jurisdiction over [state law[and [common law fraud] claims. However, as detailed in paragraph 13 through 23 above, the plaintiff(s) lack standing due to the fact that plaintiff(s) have failed to file their cause of action within the four+year statute of limitation under: Texas Cvil Practice & Remedies Code § 16.004 (Supp. 2000) (See; also section B, above).
- 41). MILLER seeks to [mis]lead the District Court by falsely proffering that "[B]RENDAN approached MILLER," as if it were a chance encounter in free society. When, in fact, MILLER and BRENDAN served, at the least, three (3) years of their Federal criminal conviction at the same Federal Correctional Institute in Beaumont, Texas, which encompasses the initiation of MILLER's alleged time-

Footnote 4: See; Exhibit E, Civil Cover: Sheet, VI - Cause of Action where it states: "[c]ite the U.S. <u>civil</u> statute under which you are filing."

The only statutes cited are criminal - i.e., 18 U.S.C. § 1343, 18
U.S.C. § 1348, and 18 U.S.C. § 1349; also see; Venue and Jurisdiction, at ¶1 though ¶3, in Documents 1 and 6.

line of events. Plaintiff MILLER in filing the cause of action, has [conceded] that he - himself - has clearly violated BOP's rules and procedures and the provisions of his supervised release by having contact with known convicted felons, conducting business with known convicted felons without consent, and entering into an "Investment Agreement" with the same convicted felon, also without written consent; (See; section C, above).

- 42). In addition, in [mis]leading the Court in regards to HAMILTON's activities, the state of Texas had forfeited HAMILTON's charter on January 28, 2011. The Plaintiff(s) (i.e., STOKES) alleged that he entered into an "Investment Agreement" with BRENDAN in October of 2010; (See; Amended Complaint, Doc. 6 at ¶42). STOKES made a final monetary funding in <u>December of 2011</u>. This was a year (12 months) after HAMILTON "closed its doors" and dissolved. Plaintiff(s) conceded that HAMILTON went out of business "sometime in 2011" but wants the Court to believe that this was after receiving STOKES final funding.
- 43). Beyond all the false allegations of the plaintiff(s), one issue remains irrefutable: The plaintiff(s) have failed to proved a factual claim that defendant DALTON was a "principal" of any registered entity including that of the LLC HAMILTON. Furthermore, record evidence demonstrates two facts: (1) DALTON was in Federal custody long before HAMILTON was formed (See; Exhibit A) and (2) DALTON was not a "principal" of HAMILTON in any of HAMILTON's required filings; (See; Exhibit C). In addition, DALTON's record evidence demonstrates that during the entire time the plaintiff(s) allegations were said to have occurred, DALTON has been in continuous custody of the BOP. Lastly, the plaintiff(s) have failed to make a factual claim that DALTON (individually) received [ANY] funds or compensation, they only allege that BRENDAN, himself, received the funding.

 44). The stated allegations are that BRENDAN received funds from plaintiff(s); only BRENDAN communicated with the plaintiff(s); and they entered into an

"Investment Agreement" with ATLAS based on BRENDAN's business plan. With reference to HAMILTON, plaintiff(s) only allege that it was BRENDAN who "blamed" TONYA - (HAMILTON's only principal) for the misconduct. Nevertheless, record evidence demonstrates that DALTON was [NOT] a "principal" in any capacity, of HAMILTON and therefore DALTON (individually) CAN NOT be held responsible or liable for: HAMILTON's alleged activities on the basis of law or fact. Further still, MILLER was convicted of a financial crime and sentenced 45). by this very Court. The delayed filing of his action is a poorly veiled and calculated attempt to circumvent the rules and restrictions of his imposed period of supervised release. MILLER, fully aware that his unauthorized business activities with a convicted felon (i.e., BRENDAN) were a clear violation of the conditions of his suprevised release, knew that if his clandestine dealings were revealed to his probation officer he ran the very real risk of having his supervised release revoked and being remanded back to the custody of the BOP. Therefore, this Court, of all courts, should not reward the temerity of his deceptive conduct by providing forum for his fact deprived and frivolous lawsuit.

VI: CONCLUSION

46). The plaintiff(s) have essentially filed an untimely and baseless narritive which is devoid of evidence and punctuated by conjecture, supposition, and unfounded allegations. Consequently, and for all the reasons previously cited above, defendant DALTON (individually) is not liable for any misconduct allegedly perpetrated by either BRENDAN, ATLAS, or HAMILTON becase he (individually) was not a party to any contract or agreement among the plaintiff(s); he did not receive plaintiff(s) funds; and he was not a "principal" of any entity involved in the Complaint.

Respectfuly submitted on this the 25th day of July, 2014 by and for

DALTON MENZIES

Signature:

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DECLARATION

I, DALTON MENZIES, under the pains and penalties of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) certify that the facts and case citations contained in this "Answer" are true and correct to my own personal knowledge.

Signature:

Dalton Menzies

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, DALTON MENZIES, hereby certify that I have placed a true and correct copy of the above-styled motion (i.e., <u>Defendant Dalton Menzies' Answer to Complaint</u>) and mailed said motion to the U.S. District Court and the Plaintiff. All party(s) of records will receive notice of the filing through the United States District Court's electronic data base. This motion ("answer") was delivered to prison authorities for forwarding on this the 25th day of July, 2014 which is deemed filed with the Court at that time; (See; <u>Houston Vs. Lack</u>, 101 L. Ed. 266 (1988).

Signature:

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EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff-Appellee v. STEPHEN P. MILLER, Defendant-Appellant UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

520 F.3d 504; 2008 U.S. App. LEXIS 5745; 2008-1 U.S. Tax Cas. (CCH) P50,237; 101 A.F.T.R.2d

(RIA) 1305 No. 06-11078 March 18, 2008, Filed

Editorial Information: Subsequent History

US Supreme Court certiorari denied by Miller v. United States, 129 S. Ct. 185, 172 L. Ed. 2d 131, 2008 U.S. LEXIS 7428 (U.S., 2008)Magistrate's recommendation at, Post-conviction proceeding at Miller v. United States, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 75213 (N.D. Tex., Aug. 7, 2009)

Editorial Information: Prior History

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

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For STEPHEN MILLER, Defendant - Appellant: Charles Howard

Portz, Portz & Portz, Houston, TX.

Judges: Before HIGGINBOTHAM, DAVIS, and SMITH, Circuit Judges.

CASE SUMMARY

PROCEDURAL POSTURE: Defendant appealed a judgment of conviction entered by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas after a jury found defendant guilty of tax evasion in violation of 26 U.S.C.S. § 7201. There was sufficient evidence to prove defendant guilty of tax evasion under 26 U.S.C.S. § 7201 because when he submitted an offer of compromise to the IRS stating that there were no available assets, he believed that he had one million dollars put away overseas and willfulness was shown by admissions in recorded calls and statements made to IRS.

OVERVIEW: Defendant transferred an individual retirement account to a shell company under the guise of repaying a loan. He then made an offer in compromise to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to settle tax liabilities stating that there were no available assets except for a minimal amount and not revealing that he believed that he had over one million dollars overseas. Defendant challenged the sufficiency of the evidence, evidentiary rulings, and alleged Brady error. He also contended that the indictment was duplicitous. On review, the court affirmed, finding no reversible error. There was sufficient evidence to prove a violation of § 7201 and for the jury to conclude that when defendant submitted the offer to the IRS, he believed that he had one million dollars put away overseas. The government introduced sufficient evidence to support a finding of wilfulness including admissions made by defendant during a recorded phone call, statements made to the IRS, and other documentary evidence. Further, any errors made in evidentiary rulings were harmless because the evidence of guilt was substantial and the jury's determination would not have been affected.

OUTCOME: The court affirmed defendant's conviction.

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Certificate of Formation Limited Liability Company

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Article Mis Entity Name and Type

The filing entity being formed is a limited liability company. The name of the entity is:

Hamilton Commodities Group, LLC

The name of the entity must contain the words "Limited Liability Company" or "Limited Company," or an accepted abbreviation of such terms. The name must not be the same as, deceptively similar to or similar to that of an existing corporate, limited liability company, or limited partnership name on file with the secretary of state. A preliminary check for "name availability" is recommended.

Article 2 - Registered Agent and Registered Office

☑A. The initial registered agent is an organization (cannot be company named above) by the name of:

National Registered Agents, Inc.

OR

- B. The initial registered agent is an individual resident of the state whose name is set forth below:
- C. The business address of the registered agent and the registered office address is:

Street Address:

16055 Space Center, Suite 235 Houston TX 77062

Article 3 - Governing Authority

A. The limited liability company is to be managed by managers.

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▼B. The limited liability company will not have managers. Management of the company is reserved to the members.

The names and addresses of the governing persons are set forth below:

Managing Member 1: Tonya R. Menzies

Title: Managing Member

Address: 5090 Richmone Ave. #241 Houston TX, USA 77056

Article 4 - Purpose

The purpose for which the company is organized is for the transaction of any and all lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Texas Business Organizations Code.

Supplemental Provisions / Information

[The attached addendum, if any, is incorporated herein by reference.]

DALTON'S ANSWER EXHIBIT C p. 2

Organizer

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The name and address of the organizer are set forth below.

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Effectiveness of Filing

☑A. This document becomes effective when the document is filed by the secretary of state.

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B. This document becomes effective at a later date, which is not more than ninety (90) days from the date of its signing. The delayed effective date is:

Execution

The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument.

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Signature of Organizer

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Forfeiture pursuant to Section 171.309 of the Texas Tax Code of Hamilton Commodities Group, LLC

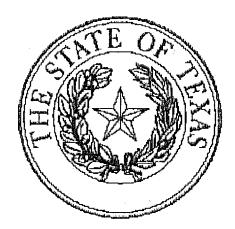
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Certificate / Charter forfeited: January 28, 2011

The Secretary of State finds that:

- 1. The Secretary has received certification from the Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 171.302 of the Texas Tax Code indicating that there are grounds for the forfeiture of the taxable entity's charter, certificate or registration; and
- 2. The Comptroller of Public Accounts has determined that the taxable entity has not revived its forfeited privileges within 120 days after the date that the privileges were forfeited.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 171.309 of the Texas Tax Code, the Secretary of State hereby forfeits the charter, certificate or registration of the taxable entity as of the date noted above and records this notice of forfeiture in the permanent files and records of the entity.



Hope Andrade Secretary of State

DALTON'S ANSWER EXHIBIT C p. 6

Civil Action No. A-14-cv-0568-SS

Defendant Dalton Menzies' Answer

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Certificate of Formation Limited Liability Company

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Article/1≒ Entity Name and Type

The filing entity being formed is a limited liability company. The name of the entity is:

Atlas IP Holdings, LLC

The name of the entity must contain the words "Limited Liability Company" or "Limited Company," or an accepted abbreviation of such terms. The name must not be the same as, deceptively similar to or similar to that of an existing corporate, limited liability company, or limited partnership name on file with the secretary of state. A preliminary check for "name availability" is recommended.

Article 2 = Registered Agent and Registered Office

A. The initial registered agent is an organization (cannot be company named above) by the name of:

OR

♥B. The initial registered agent is an individual resident of the state whose name is set forth below:

Name:

Michelle Louise Worthington

C. The business address of the registered agent and the registered office address is:

Street Address:

402 Village LN Buda TX 78610

Article 3 - Governing Authority

A. The limited liability company is to be managed by managers.

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E. The limited liability company will not have managers. Management of the company is reserved to the members.

The names and addresses of the governing persons are set forth below:

Managing Member 1: Michelle Louise Worthington

Title: Managing Member

Address: 402 Village Lane Buda TX, USA 78610

Managing Member 2: Brendan J Worthington

Title: Managing Member

Address: 402 Village Lane Buda TX, USA 78610

Article 4 - Purpose

The purpose for which the company is organized is for the transaction of any and all lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Texas Business Organizations Code.

Supplemental Provisions //Information

[The attached addendum, if any, is incorporated herein by reference.]

Organizer

The name and address of the organizer are set forth below.

Michelle Worthington

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Effectiveness of Filing

A. This document becomes effective when the document is filed by the secretary of state.

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☑B. This document becomes effective at a later date, which is not more than ninety (90) days from the date of its signing. The delayed effective date is: **November 20, 2009**

Execution

The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument.

Michelle Worthington

Signature of Organizer

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TEXAS FRANCHISE TAX PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

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This report MUST be signed and filed to satisfy franchise tax requirements

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Hope Andrade Secretary of State

Forfeiture pursuant to Section 171.309 of the Texas Tax Code of Atlas IP Holdings, LLC

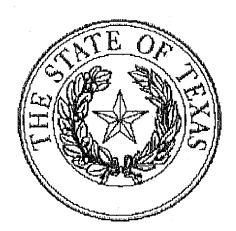
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Certificate / Charter forfeited: July 27, 2012

The Secretary of State finds that:

- 1. The Secretary has received certification from the Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 171.302 of the Texas Tax Code indicating that there are grounds for the forfeiture of the taxable entity's charter, certificate or registration; and
- 2. The Comptroller of Public Accounts has determined that the taxable entity has not revived its forfeited privileges within 120 days after the date that the privileges were forfeited.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 171.309 of the Texas Tax Code, the Secretary of State hereby forfeits the charter, certificate or registration of the taxable entity as of the date noted above and records this notice of forfeiture in the permanent files and records of the entity.



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Hope Andrade Secretary of State

DALTON'S ANSWER EXHIBIT D, p. 6

Civil Action No. A-14-cv-0568-SS

Defendant Dalton Menzies' Answer

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS Brownsville Emergency I (b) County of Residence o		en P	DEFENDANT Worthington, Brei Menzies, Dalton (Crowell, Ralph E County of Residence NOTE: IN LAND (THE TRACE	ndan Ji Cindividua individua e of First I (IN U.	ually and d/b/a l ally and d/b/a Gl	Hamilton Con ines & Rhode Ha <u>vs Count</u> ONLY)	nmodities, Inc.; y, Texa	es;	
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name. Attorney Service of Louis 18601 LBJ Freeway, Sui Mesquite, TX 75150	siana, Inc.	er)	AI	Attorneys (If Known		68	SS		
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☐ 110 Insurance ☐ 120 Marine	PERSONAL INJURY ☐ 310 Airplane	PERSONAL INJUR' 365 Personal Injury -	·	5 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	☐ 423 V	ppeal 28 USC 158 /ithdrawal	☐ 375 False C ☐ 400 State R	еарропіог	
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& Enforcement of Judgment		Personal Injury	- 1			opyrights	☐ 460 Deport		
☐ 151 Medicare Act	330 Federal Employers'	Product Liability	- 1		□ 830 P	atent	☐ 470 Racket		
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& Enforcement of Judgment	Slander	Personal Injury		☐ 820 Copyrights	☐ 460 Deportation
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□ 152 Recovery of Defaulted	Liability	☐ 368 Asbestos Personal		🗗 840 Trademark	Corrupt Organizations
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of Veteran's Benefits	350 Motor Vehicle	20 370 Other Fraud	Act	☐ 862 Black Lung (923)	Exchange
□ 160 Stockholders' Suits	☐ 355 Motor Vehicle	371 Truth in Lending	☐ 720 Labor/Management	☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	☐ 890 Other Statutory Actions
☐ 190 Other Contract	Product Liability	☐ 380 Other Personal	Relations	☐ 864 SSID Title XVI	☐ 891 Agricultural Acts
☐ 195 Contract Product Liability	☐ 360 Other Personal	Property Damage	☐ 740 Railway Labor Act	□ 865 RS1 (405(g))	☐ 893 Environmental Matters
☐ 196 Franchise	Injury	☐ 385 Property Damage	☐ 751 Family and Medical		☐ 895 Freedom of Information
•	362 Personal Injury -	Product Liability	Leave Act		Act
	Medical Malpractice	- ·	790 Other Labor Litigation	<u> </u>	896 Arbitration
REAL PROPERTY	CIVILRIGHTS	PRISONERIRETITIONS	791 Employee Retirement	PEDERAL TAX SUITS	899 Administrative Procedure
210 Land Condemnation	☐ 440 Other Civil Rights	Habeas Corpus:	Income Security Act	☐ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff	Act/Review or Appeal of
220 Foreclosure	☐ 441 Voting	☐ 463 Alien Detainee		or Defendant)	Agency Decision
1 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	1 442 Employment	☐ 510 Motions to Vacate	1	1 871 IRS—Third Party	 950 Constitutionality of
240 Torts to Land	1 443 Housing/	Sentence	,	26 USC 7609	State Statutes
245 Tort Product Liability	Accommodations	530 General			
1 290 All Other Real Property	445 Amer. w/Disabilities -	☐ 535 Death Penalty	IMMIGRATION		*
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